(b) A statement indicating the price of milk ghee and butter during the last three years is annexed [*See* Appendix (i), Annexure No. 63]

(c) The losses incurred by Delhi Milk Scheme during the last three years are indicated below:—

| Year | Loss (Rs. in crore) |
|---|---|
| 1986-87 | Rs. 7.40 (Provisional) |
| 1987-88 | Rs. 12.03 (Provisional) |
| 1988-89 | Rs. 18.50 (Estimated) |

**Procurement and distribution price of rice**

1243. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to replies to Unstarred Questions 390 and 455 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th February, 1989 and state:

(a) whether inspite of declaring the price of rice (Superfine) as Rs. 325 per quintal w.e.f. 25-1-1989, the food card holders are getting the rice from Fair Price Shops @ Rs. 3·35 per kg. irrespective of the quality of rice being superfine, fine or common;

(b) the qualitywise quantity of rice supplies to Fair Price Shop No. 7805 and the price on which it was sold to the consumers food card holders from 1-7-1988 to 31-3-1989 ; and

(c) the reasons for which the price of superfine quality of rice was being charged @ Rs. 2·89 w.e.f. 1-10-1987 and @ Rs. 3·35 w.e.f. 25-1-1989 per Kg. by the Fair Price shops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The price of Rs. 325/-per quintal for superfine rice is the central issue price. The State Governments/U.T. Administrations fix the end retail price, taking into account incidental charges, such as, transportation, handling, octroi duty, margins for Fair Price Shops etc. In Delhi, these charges are fixed at Rs. 10/-per quintal and hence the consumer price is Rs. 3·35 per Kg.

Delhi Administration has also stated that only superfine rice is distributed to the food-card holders in the Union Territory.

(b) Fair Price Shop No. 7805 distributed more than 932 quintals of rice from July 1, 1988 to 24th January, 1989 at the pre-revised price of Rs. 2·89 per Kg. and more than 435 quintals of rice at the revised price of Rs. 3·35 per Kg. from 25-1-89 to 31-3-89 to food card holders attached to this Fair Price Shop.

(c) The price was raised to Rs. 3·35 per Kg. for super-fine rice w.e.f. 25-1-1989 because of the increase in the central issue price of this quality of rice from Rs. 279 per quintal to Rs. 325 per quintal from that date.

**Study of agricultural economy**

1244. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any critical study of the present agricultural economy in the country;

(b) if so, to what extent, the planned objectives for the removal of the regional growth imbalances as also narrowing down income differentials had been achieved and what are the main impediments in sharing the growth equitably by various States in the country;

(c) the actual areas which have either remained unaffected or have gained marginally with the agricultural growth in the country; and